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THROUGH: Roland E. Johnson, Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Baldwin:

The Pueblo of Laguna has been attempting to use its human resources in a prudent and efficient manner with regard to its examination of the many aspects of the Jackpile/Paguate Reclamation Project. Thus, we have utilized your office's expertise in our examination of the blast damage to homes in the Village of Paguate and in the provision of a preliminary review of Anaconda's offer to settle. It is our understanding that meetings between your office and CERT have taken place in order to discuss and arrive at a consensus on the manner/method in which the following issues will be addressed: (1) Disposition of the Protore; (2) High-wall Stability; and (3) Blast Damage to homes in Paguate. Based on your discussions we will continue to work closely with Mr. Don Reynolds in order to establish the viability of the market for our uranium. We have recently been informed by CERT that the NJ-45 Project as well as the uranium market project have been approved. Mr. Reynolds will be touching base with our Natural Resource Committee on November 21st. Mr. Allen Ries, a consultant to CERT, will examine the highwall stability problem while the blast damage problem has been isolated for specific seismic study by Mr. Ken King of the U.S. Geological Survey. At a recent meeting between the Pueblo, BIA and BLM was suggested that Mr. King review the Bureau of Mines recently published report on the same subject. Mr. Pool, BLM Task Force Leader, agreed that such a review and a subsequent meeting would be appropriate. It is the desire of the Pueblo that the blast



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damage issue be addressed by the Department of Interior and that it be deemed to be within the scope of the EIS. We would like to see the various agencies within the Department combine their efforts and resources in an effort to arrive at a consensus on this issue. Like the hydrology issue, the blast damage issue has drawn conflicting opinions/assessments. The Pueblo firmly believes that it is a relevant reclamation issue and that it requires specific attention within the scope of the EIS.

Dave, we appreciate your efforts, and in particular, Mr. Dick Bornemann's timely responses to our requests for assistance. His insights and engineering expertise have provided a greater understanding of the issues on the part of the Pueblo. It is our sincere desire that CERT and your Office can continue the partnership recently established. We will continue to rely on your office for technical input on the various reclamation issues.

With Best Regards,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA


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cc: Bob Siek, CERT